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Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-2-25c, relating to requiring that public schools have full-time trainers on
 3 staff; requiring rulemaking; and allowing exceptions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-25c. Public schools to have full-time trainers; rulemaking; exceptions.

1 (a) The State Board of Education shall provide by rule for every public school that has
 2 students participating in interscholastic athletics to have a full-time trainer on staff and that a
 3 trainer be in attendance at each athletic contest in which a public school participates.

4 (b)(1) The rules shall, at a minimum provide that:

5 (A) Trainers may maintain flexible hours so that they may attend contests after regular
 6 school hours; and

7 (B) Each trainer be a licensed athletic trainer under §30-20A-1 et seq. of this code or other
 8 licensed health care professional with training sufficient to be able to provide appropriate medical
 9 assistance at interscholastic athletic events;

10 (2) The rules may provide exceptions to the full-time requirement where:

11 (A) Funds are not available for fulltime trainers at each school; and

12 (B) There are projected to be an insufficient number of interscholastic athletic events to
 13 justify a full-time trainer.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require public schools to have full-time trainers on staff. The bill requires rulemaking and allows exceptions.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.